National College Student Information Literacy Competition at Wuhan University China

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Background information

Wuhan University, ranked as a top ten university in China, is also well known for its traditional architectural style of campus.
Background information

The School of Information Management（SIM）of Wuhan University is the oldest and largest LIS education and research institution in China.
The Information Literacy Association (ILA) of Wuhan University was created in 2006.

It is the first and so far the sole Information Literacy themed college student organization in mainland China.
ILA Activities
- National Information Searching Contest

- The Information Literacy Association (ILA) of Wuhan University has been, with the support of the university and the sponsorship of Baidu company, hosting and organizing an "Information Searching Competition" for six consecutive years, which has attracted thousands of university students to participate.
ILA Activities

- National Information Searching Contest

Starting this year, ILA has expanded the Comtest, targeting establishment of an IL skill assessment system to evaluate China's university students’ competency from this standpoint.
ILA Activities
- National Information Searching Contest

• More importantly, with the endorsement and support of UNESCO's and Information for All Program (IFAP) in China through a partnership of the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC, Beijing), this goal has been greatly promoted.
中国高校学生信息素养标准化测评
China’s College Students Information Literacy Skill Assessment
暨第七届“百度无限”全国高校搜索大赛
The 7th "Boundless Baidu" National College Students Information Searching Contest
2013

武汉大学信息素养协会
Information Literacy Association at Wuhan University
联合国教科文组织“全民信息计划”项目组
UNESCO Information For All Programme

百度在线网络技术（北京）有限公司
共青团武汉大学委员会
武汉大学党委研究生工作部
武汉大学信息管理学院
武汉大学图书馆
2012:
1,110 participants in total
2013
2,516 participants in total
# ILA Activities

- National Information Searching Contest

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## ILA Activities
- National Information Searching Contest

### Timelines

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ILA Activities
- National Information Searching Contest

Procedures

Preliminary
- Search capability
- Search behavior record
- Survey
- Assessment
- Information search promotion
- IL promotion

Rematch
- Merits Selection for finals
- Search behavior record
- Excellent behavior analysis
- Search skills promotion
- IL promotion

Final Contest
- Expert comments
- IL competency
- Elite behavior analysis
- IL promotion
Procedures

Online
within the specified date, and optional time and places, the players logged on the system and finished the contest.

• System for Contest
  • Web Searching Test System (WSTS) – developed by ILA

• System Functions
  • Contestants entered personal information on registration
  • Scenario-based search capability test
  • Contestants score to show
Procedures

On site

Contestants came over to Wuhan University for a live tournament, which was judged by experts.

- **Judges**
  - Experts in IL Research (Professors)
  - Director/Vice Directors of University Library
  - Administrator from Baidu

- **Process**
  - Selection of the top six players
  - Remarks on their performance
  - Introduction of IL knowledge and skills by experts
ILA Activities
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Media

- **FutureNet**: Big Data Era Rookie — Information Literacy & Search Quotient

- **XinhuaNet**: Baidu Search Contest included in UNESCO IFAP

- **HuanqiuNet**: Baidu Search Contest included in UNESCO IFAP

- **XinminNet**: Baidu Search Contest included in UNESCO IFAP
  [http://tech.xinmin.cn/2013/06/14/20668899.html](http://tech.xinmin.cn/2013/06/14/20668899.html)
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“信息沟通世界
培育未来信息产业的领导者”
THE INFORMATION LITERACY COMPETITION
——国际大学生因特网信息检索邀请赛
Three part:

- Individual Competition 50%
- Team Contest 30%
- Team Presentation 20%
ILA Activities

- WU International Exchange Camp of Student Organizations

Feedback:

“During my week in Wuhan, I have been hearing about your background, listening to your achievement, and earning your friendships. I will never forget the memories, the connections, and the knowledge I’ve taken away from our week in Wuhan.”

-- Davis Nguyen, a participant from Yale University
Other IL Events at Wuhan University

- UNESCO Training the Trainers Workshop on Information Literacy, East Asia (2008)
- UNESCO International Media and Information Literacy Survey, China (2012-2013)
Other IL Events at Wuhan University

-- TTT workshop

- In late 2008 UNESCO invited 11 distinguished universities, libraries, associations, and related kinds of educational and cultural institutions and organizations to host a series of Training-the-Trainers in Information Literacy Workshops (“TTT” workshop for short).
Other IL Events at Wuhan University
-- TTT workshop

- Under the authorization agreement with UNESCO, Wuhan University, China conducted the East Asia TTT Workshop, October 20-22, 2008, co-hosted at the School of Information Management (SIM), and the Center for the Studies of Information Resources (CSIR), Wuhan University.
Other IL Events at Wuhan University
-- TTT workshop

- The Workshop was attended by about 120 participants, representing 10 countries and areas in Asia, including Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, India, Singapore, Pakistan, Japan and China (mainland, Hong Kong and Macao).
Other IL Events at Wuhan University
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- In addition, the Chinese participants came from 18 cities and provinces all over the country, representing not only the developed areas of the country, but also the more remote and distant ones such as Gansu and Yunan.
Other IL Events at Wuhan University

-- TTT workshop

- The workshop was very well received by the participants and feedback indicated that it was highly valuable to the participants.
Other IL Events at Wuhan University

-- IMILS

- Information Media and Information Literary Survey (IMILS) of the Habits and Practices of University Students When Undertaking Research Assignment
- Proposed by UNESCO
- Initially conducted in South Asia region and East Asia/Oceania region
Other IL Events at Wuhan University

-- IMILS

• A pilot survey conducted by WU
• Sponsored by SIM
• Over 1,500 samples collected
Our Future Plans

-- National Information Search Contest

• Further expanding to IL from information search/internet search
• Reaching out to remote areas in China
• Developing an IL skills/competency assessment System
• Continuing our IL Research
Thanks!